

quantify the exact spending cuts they propose to pay for the large increase in defense spending.

With the uncertainty of the size and scope of potentially massive cuts to our non-defense discretionary spending such as to diplomacy, foreign aid, education, housing, basic research, job training, and infrastructure, I cannot in good conscience vote for the additional billions of dollars in defense spending. I support our troops and a strong military to keep the peace, but this bill's spending levels would weaken our country's efforts at home and abroad. Our diplomatic and foreign aid budgets are an integral part in keeping the peace abroad. An increase to defense in conjunction with a cut in diplomacy and aid is a choice I cannot support. This should not be an either-or issue. However, because of the BCA and the decisions made by my colleagues on the other side of the aisle, this is the choice I had to make on behalf of my constituents in Silicon Valley and what is right and in the best interests of our troops and national security interests and objectives.

#### SOUND RELIEF HEARING CENTER

#### HON. ED PERLMUTTER

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, July 18, 2017*

Mr. PERLMUTTER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Sound Relief Hearing Center for receiving the Golden Rotary Ethics in Business Award.

The Ethics in Business Award was established by the Golden Rotary to honor for-profit and non-profit businesses. The recipients of this award must maintain integrity, conviction and possess high ethical standards demonstrated by the treatment of customers, employees, community and the environment.

Sound Relief Hearing Center is a family-owned and operated business specializing in hearing solutions. They have built a foundation of exceptional service, showing compassion for the community and genuinely caring for the people they serve. Their code of ethics includes a commitment to charitable giving, educating the public and volunteering their time. Some examples of their philanthropy include earmarking 10 percent of their earnings for several charities and reimbursing employees for continuing education.

To all the employees of Sound Relief Hearing Center, congratulations on receiving the Golden Rotary Ethics in Business Award, and thank you for your continued commitment to excellence.

LORI AIMEE SNEED

#### HON. STEVEN M. PALAZZO

OF MISSISSIPPI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, July 18, 2017*

Mr. PALAZZO. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize and honor the life of Lori Aimee Sneed, beloved member of the Gulfport community, who was taken far too soon and went to be with the Lord on July 12, 2017.

Lori was a vivacious woman who battled many physical challenges throughout her life,

all the while spreading her contagious positivity and never-ending kindness to those around her. After suffering a spinal cord injury during her freshman year at the University of Mississippi in 1991, Lori was left a quadriplegic but continued to relentlessly pursue her educational and professional goals.

After completing a year at Mississippi Gulf Coast Community College, Lori fearlessly returned to Ole Miss and received a Bachelor of Arts Degree in English in 1997. A prominent figure on campus, Lori was a member of Pi Beta Phi Sorority, a member of the University of Mississippi Committee on Disabilities, and a two-time winner of the Most Beautiful Eyes on Campus contest.

Upon completion of her degree, her inspiring and persistent personality helped her land her dream job at CNN working in the public information division, a position she held from 1997 to 2006. She shared her marvelous sense of humor with others through "stand up" and improvisational comedy routines, and became an exceptional watercolor artist later in life.

Lori never let her limitations define her. She will always be remembered as a strong, caring, and determined woman by those who had the pleasure of knowing her and will be fondly missed by her parents, Patti and Shorty Sneed, and her brother, Johnny. She epitomized selflessness and was known for being "beautiful inside and out."

Mississippi lost a dear daughter with the death of Lori Aimee Sneed. On behalf of the United States Congress and the people of Mississippi, we recognize her beautiful life.

#### IN RECOGNITION OF NANCY HUBBARD FOR HER LIFETIME OF SERVICE TO THE DEARBORN COMMUNITY

#### HON. DEBBIE DINGELL

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, July 18, 2017*

Mrs. DINGELL. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Ms. Nancy Hubbard for her service and dedication to the City of Dearborn. As one of the city's longest serving City Council members, Ms. Hubbard was a tireless public servant who left a legacy of achievement and will be missed.

Ms. Hubbard began her career as a secretary with Ford Motor Company and later worked for the Dearborn Department of Public Works and Dearborn Department of Building and Safety. She was elected to the Dearborn City Council in 1990 and compiled a distinguished record of success during her 24 years on the council. Ms. Hubbard has spent 16 years serving as the Council President Pro Tem, where she used the leadership position to advocate on behalf of the city's residents. She played a key role in the establishment of the Ford Community and Performing Arts Center and in expanding the greenway trail system in the city. She was also involved in economic development initiatives, including the establishment of the Dearborn Town Center and the redevelopment of the Warren Avenue and Dix-Vernor business corridors. As a result of her work, Dearborn has been transformed into a thriving community that effectively serves the needs of the city's residents.

Ms. Hubbard's commitment to public service and the City of Dearborn helped improve the quality of life for the community while driving economic development in the area. As a life-long resident of Dearborn, Ms. Hubbard's deep ties to the area allowed her to effectively engage with her constituents and address pressing issues facing the city at large. She was a tireless advocate during her career with the City Council who remained personally engaged with city's residents throughout her life, and her passion for public service will be missed.

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in honoring Ms. Nancy Hubbard for her public service with the Dearborn City Council. Ms. Hubbard lived a life dedicated to public service and well-being of others.

#### TRIBUTE TO STEVE AND HEATHER WINFREE

#### HON. JOHN J. DUNCAN, JR.

OF TENNESSEE

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, July 18, 2017*

Mr. DUNCAN of Tennessee. Mr. Speaker, heroes come into lives in different ways through the challenges people face during their lives.

A very special hero from my district came up with a heartwarming way to share her choice to be an organ donor for her husband who has been suffering from kidney disease for 14 years.

Heather Winfree took her husband's love for baseball and used it as a way to share the good news that she was a donor match.

Because of his diagnosis as a teen, Steve Winfree was never able to achieve his dream of playing college baseball.

Steve collects baseball cards on a regular basis, but the most rare card he has ever received is a custom Topps card that Heather designed for him.

It included Steve's picture and text on the back that read "Steve will be a rookie recipient at Vanderbilt Transplant Center where his wife, Heather, will be pitching a new kidney to him."

Because of Heather's heroic efforts to save the life of her husband, he could receive the transplant as soon as the end of July this year.

I am proud to see people from my district like Heather show us the true meaning of love while people like Steve show us what perseverance looks like.

Please join me in wishing them the best as they both undergo surgery in the near future.

I would like to include in the RECORD the following story about the Winfree's from CBS News.

[From CBS News, July 11, 2017]

MAN LEARNS WIFE IS KIDNEY TRANSPLANT MATCH FROM A CUSTOM-MADE BASEBALL CARD  
(By Jennifer Earl)

Steve Winfree was excited to rip open up a brand new pack of Topps baseball cards. It has become a family tradition over the years. But this time, as he shuffled through the deck, he spotted something unusual—his very own playing card.

As he read the stats on the back, Winfree, who has been suffering from kidney disease for the past 14 years, broke down in tears.

"What the heck?" he asked, as his wife, Heather, sat beside him.